granted. Of the remaining, 111 have been rejected or otherwise dispose of and 50 are at various stages of processing.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) During the period 1988 to 1990 (upto June) 48 Industrial Licences have been issued for setting up Industrial Undertakings in West Bengal.

Holding of shares by MRTP companies in the Non-MRTP companies

1396. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of MRTP companies hold shares in non-MRTP companies ;

(b) if so, what is the combined share of each of Houses in these non-MRTP companies ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that persons on the Board of MRTP companies hold directorship in many other non-MRTP companies ; and

(d) if so, what is the extent of control exercised by the MRTP Houses where they have shareholding and/or directorships ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total investments of the MRTP companies formed only 4.15% of their total assets in 1987-88. The time and efforts involved in computing the combined share of each of these companies in non-MRTP ones will not be commensurate with the benefits to be realised.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) If a MRTP company or companies belonging to a MRTP House together hold not less than one-fourth equity shares of another company, their undertakings are interconnected.

Further, if one or more directors of MRTP company, independently or together with their relatives or employees of the MRTP company, constitute or constituted within a period of six months, one-fourth of Board of Directors of another company, the undertakings of these companies are also interconnected.

These are some of the forms of interconnection involving the criteria of shareholding and directorship through which MRTP Houses may exercise control.

Proposal to reserve production of consumer goods for small and tiny sector industries

1397. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to reserve production of consumer goods for small and tiny sector industries ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at present consumer goods are mostly produced by multi-national companies due to which the small and tiny sector industries have been adversely affected ; and

(c) whether Government propose to make further changes in the existing industrial policy to boost small and tiny sector industries; if so, what are the details thereof ?